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SUBJECT: NIGER CONSUS

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1. NIGER POPULATION CONSENSUS IS IN HANDS OF UNFPA, WHICH OPERATING UNDER AUSPICES UNDP AND IN COOPERATION WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, BEGAN INITIAL PHASE OF 3-YEAR PROJECT IN EARLY 1974. IN MARCH 1975 SOUTHERN TIER OF NIGER, COMPRISING ONE-FOURTH OF NATION'S LAND AREA WHERE ESTIMATED 95 PERCENT OF POPULATION IS SITUATED, WAS PHOTOGRAFED FROM B-17 AIRCRAFT AT ALTITUDE OF 7.000 METERS. PHOTOS OBTAINED FROM THIS HEIGHT WHICH APPARENTLY PROVIDE IMAGES ON SCALE OF ONE TO 60,000 WERE COMPLETED AND DELIVERED TO GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1975 AND ARE AVAILABLE TO GENERAL PUBLIC.

2. PRESENT PHASE OF PROJECT USING PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA AS BASE, IS TO IDENTIFY ALL POPULATION CENTERS DOWN TO SUB-VILLAGE LEVEL AND PUT SMALL CONTROL TEAMS IN FIELD TO VERIFY PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA ON GROUND. EVENTUALLY IN LATE 1976 SOME 4800 ACTUAL CENSUS TAKERS WILL MAKE HEAD COUNT. EXPERTS SAY THIS PHASE OF PROJECT SHOULD TAKE ONLY ABOUT

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TWO OR THREE WEEKS. PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION

IN EARLY 1977. UNDP SOURCES SAY FOREGOING TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN USED BY UNDP IN TWENTY-TWO OTHER COUNTRIES AND ESTIMATED FINAL COST AT 30 TO 40 CENTS PER INHABITANT. THEY NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT COSTS WERE AS HIGH AS ONE DOLLAR PER HEAD IN MAURITANIA.

3. EXPERTS SAY PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA OBTAINED SO FAR COULD BE USEFUL FOR OTHER PURPOSES BUT THAT GON HAS MADE NO FURTHER REQUESTS. DAVISON

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